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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the application of:

Mark G. ERLANDER and Ranelle C.  
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**REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 7, 2002 for which a response was due on February 7, 2003. This Reply is thus believed to be timely filed.

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Action and request reconsideration in light of the following amendments and discussion.